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METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/017637 dated January 25, 2005 and English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability for PCT/JP2004/017637), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Additionally, Applicant submits English language Abstracts for JP 2002-345455 A, JP 7-135961 A and WO 2004/089434 A1, which constitute a concise statement of relevance of JP 2002-345455 A, JP 7-135961 A and WO 2004/089434 A1.

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